

# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 13th March 1965.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN in the Chair).

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### STARRED QUESTIONS.

#### *Police firing in Sathankulam*

\* 223 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Police opened fire in a village near Sathankulam in Tiruchendur taluk during the last week of July 1964 ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The matter is pending before a Court and is therefore 'subjudice'.

#### *Loss of lives due to consuming arishtom*

\* 224 Q.—SRI A. KUNJAN NADAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that three persons including a police constable have lost their lives on account of taking arishtom at Thuckalay ; and

(b) the number of persons arrested in connection with the incident ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) Six persons including the proprietor of the pharmacy which sold the arishtom, were arrested.

SRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the cause of death ? Is it due to mixture of poison or consumption of overdose of arishtom ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The particulars would be revealed in the course of the trial. Evidently there was poison in the arishtom.

திரு. ஜே. மாதா கவுடர் : அரிஷ்டம் உட்கொள்வதற்கு அனுமதிக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? அப்படி அனுமதித்திருந்தால் அதைக் கொடுக்க வேண்டாமென்று தடை செய்வார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.